

Arterial roads vs. Collector roads

Arterial Road:

- A high capacity road that carries longer-distance flows between important centers of activity.
- The backbone of a traffic network.
- Designed for unimpeded high-speed movement.
- Traffic signals are used at most major intersections.
- Can include four lanes or more.
- Speed limits typically range from 45 to 55 mph.
- May be divided at the center or a center turn lane.

Collector Road:

- A low-to-moderate-capacity road that moves traffic from local streets to arterial roads.
- Designed to provide access to residential properties.
- Could include signaled intersections, traffic circles, or stop signs at intersecting roadways.
- Speed limits typically range from 25 to 45 mph.
- May include traffic calming, such as narrower lanes or roundabouts.